

AQUATIC CERTIFICATIONS

for NYS Bathing Facilities

Fact Sheet - January 2006

When the State Sanitary Code (SSC) requires "lifeguard supervision" or a "qualified lifeguard" at a bathing facility, an approved lifeguard certification SPECIFIC to the type of bathing facility is required.

- NOTE:**
- All lifeguards are required to possess American Red Cross (ARC) Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or a CPR equivalent noted on the CPR fact sheet. All cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificates must be renewed within 1 year of completion of the course, regardless of the expiration date noted on the card.
 - Children's camp lifeguards must be at least 17 years of age except;
 - a maximum of 20% of the required lifeguards on duty may be 16 years of age;
 - lifeguards for wilderness swimming must be at least 18 years of age.
 - Lifeguard certifications are valid for a maximum of 3 years from date of issuance.

STANDARD				
New York State Sanitary Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Subpart 6-1, Section 6-1.31, Swimming PoolsSubpart 6-2, Section 6-2.20, Bathing BeachesSubpart 7-2, Section 7-2.5(g), Children's Camps			
ACCEPTED COURSES				
		SUPERVISION LEVEL		
		Marked boxes indicate acceptability		
PROVIDER	CERTIFICATION TITLE	Level I Surf	Level II B Pool & Beach	Level II A Pool Only
American Lifeguard Assoc., Inc.	Basic Lifeguarding			X
	Lifeguard Training		X	X
American Red Cross (ARC) IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR LEVEL IIB, CANDIDATE MUST BE CO-CERTIFIED WITH THE ARC "WATERFRONT LIFEGUARD" MODULE CERTIFICATE.	Lifeguard Training			X
	Lifeguard Training and Waterfront Lifeguard (Requires 2 certificates)		X	X
Boys Scouts of America (BSA) ALL CERTIFICATIONS ARE VALID FOR 3 YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUE AND CARD HOLDER MUST BE AT LEAST 15 YEARS OF AGE (17 YEARS OF AGE FOR CHILDREN'S CAMPS).	Lifeguard, BSA		X	X
	Aquatics Instructor, BSA		X	X
Breezy Point Cooperative, Inc.	Breezy Point Surf Lifeguard	X		
Cattaraugus County EMS	Cattaraugus County EMS Lifeguard Training Program		X	X
Ellis and Associates National Pool and Waterpark Lifeguard Training	Pool Lifeguard Training			X
	Special Facilities Lifeguard Training			X
Hamptons Consortium	Hamptons Consortium Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
Incorporated Village of Saltaire	Ocean Lifeguard Certificate	X		
	Bay Front Lifeguard Certificate		X	
Lindenhurst School District	Lindenhurst School District Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X

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PROVIDER	CERTIFICATION TITLE	Level I Surf	Level II B Pool & Beach	Level II A Pool Only
Nassau Co. Department of Health	"Day Camp Only"			X
	Grade 1A			X
	Grade 1B			X
	Grade II		X	X
	Grade III	X	X	X
New York City Department of Parks	Municipal Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Municipal Lifeguard "pool only"			X
Royal Life Saving Society, Canada <small>ALL CERTIFICATIONS ARE VALID FOR 2 YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE.</small>	National Lifeguard Service (NLS) Pool			X
	National Lifeguard Service (NLS) Waterfront		X	
	National Lifeguard Service (NLS) Surf	X		
Suffolk County Department of Parks	Ocean Lifeguard Training	X		
	Stillwater Lifeguard Training Course		X	
Town of Babylon	Ocean Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Stillwater Lifeguard Training Course		X	X
Town of Brookhaven	Ocean Theory Course	X	X	X
Town of East Hampton	Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Pool and Beach Lifeguard		X	X
Town of Islip	Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Pool and Beach Lifeguard		X	X
Town of Southampton	Ocean Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Stillwater Lifeguard		X	X
Village of Ocean Beach	Ocean Beach Atlantic Ocean Lifeguard Course	X	X	X
YMCA	YMCA Lifeguard		X	X
	Lifeguard		X	X
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">SPECIAL CERTIFICATIONS</div>				
Ellis and Associates National Pool and Waterpark Lifeguard Training	Shallow Water Lifeguard: Valid for pools with water depths of four feet or less.			
Royal Life Saving Society, Canada	National Lifeguard Service (NLS) Waterpark: Valid for water parks only.			